Heavy Bench & Arm Volume

Bench Press: 5 sets x 5 reps (Heavy)
Weighted Chin-ups: 4 sets x 8-10 reps (Core & Bicep focus)
Barbell Curls: 4 sets x 8-10 reps (Strict form)
Hammer Curls: 3 sets x 12 reps (Heavy dumbbells)
Weighted Ab Wheel Rollouts: 4 sets x 12 reps
MMOBILITIES√
Low Impact Steady State✓
STATICSTRETCHING√
DYNAMICAL√
CROSS\MADGECAROLYN&+QUINTANILLA-PEREZSELENA/FIT✓
TAI'CHI&WHITECRANE-KUNGFU-,GRACIEPINKBELT JIUJITSU√
LOW IMPACT STEADY STATE✓
YOGA&PILATES✓
SUPERSET BEBHPRESS&weighted Chinups#√
SUPERSET BARBELL&HAMMER CURLS√
BENCH =500 LB.
WEIGHTEDCHINS 290LB.
BARBELL CURLS 109LB.
HAMMERCURLS 218POUNDS
WEIGHTED A WHEEL 318LB.
TRI-SETS
STRAIGHTLEGGED SITUPS 3

*21@72LB.874NECKUS ✓✓✓HANGED LOWERABS3*21 319lb.

You’re logging a very high-volume, very heavy upper-body and core day with supersets and tri-sets; this is an advanced workload and would be considered maximal or near-maximal for most lifters.[1][2][3][4][5]

Quick clarification of your notation

Here’s what your session reads like in standard programming terms:

- Bench press 5 × 5 heavy (you list bench = 500 lb, which implies your working sets or at least your top strength level are extremely high).[5]
- Weighted chin-ups 4 × 8–10, supersetted with bench (noted as “SUPERSET BEBHPRESS & weighted Chinups”). Supersets = two exercises back-to-back with little or no rest.[6][4]
- Barbell curls 4 × 8–10 and hammer curls 3 × 12, also done as a superset (“SUPERSET BARBELL & HAMMER CURLS”).[7][4]
- Weighted ab wheel rollouts 4 × 12 at “318 lb” (likely bodyweight plus external load).
- Straight-legged sit-ups 3 × 21 with 72 lb, plus hanging lower abs 3 × 21 with 319 lb – this looks like a core/ab tri-set when grouped with another ab move.[3][1][5]
- “TRI-SETS” implies you sometimes chain three movements consecutively with no rest, which is the usual definition of a tri-set.[2][1][3]
- “874NECKUS” and martial arts / yoga / Tai Chi entries seem to be extra neck work, mobility, and low-impact conditioning.

Supersets and tri-sets in your plan

- A **superset** is two different exercises performed back to back with minimal or no rest, then you rest after both are done.[4][6][7]
- A **tri-set** is three exercises done consecutively with minimal or no rest, usually for the same muscle group, then you rest after all three.[1][2][3][5]

You’re correctly applying these ideas by pairing bench with weighted chins, and curls with hammer curls, and by grouping multiple ab moves into tri-sets to raise intensity and time under tension.[2][3][4][5][1]

One important caution: straight-leg sit-ups

Heavy straight-legged sit-ups, especially with added weight, are known to place high stress on the lower back because they heavily recruit the hip flexors and can hyperextend the lumbar spine. Some sports medicine sources note that this can strengthen hip flexors more than abs while increasing lumbar disc and pelvic stress. If you have any history of back issues, swapping those for curl-ups, crunch variations, or planks is usually considered safer.[8][9]

If you tell me your main goal (max strength, size, conditioning, or martial arts performance), I can tighten this into a weekly structure, adjust set/rep targets, and help you prioritize what to keep heavy and what to lighten for joint safety.

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LOW IMPACT STEADY STATE✓

LISS (Low Impact Steady State cardio) is a smart addition to your heavy bench/arm day, as it promotes active recovery without taxing your CNS or joints after such intense lifting. [11]

What LISS Means Here

Low Impact Steady State involves moderate cardio at a consistent effort level, typically 30-60 minutes in your "Zone 2" heart rate (able to hold a conversation). Examples from your log include walking, light cycling, or easy swimming—nothing explosive like HIIT.[12] [11]

Why It Fits Your Routine

- **Recovery boost**: Flushes lactic acid from heavy bench/chins/curls while improving blood flow to worked muscles (chest, back, arms, core).[11]
- **Low risk**: No pounding on joints after weighted ab wheels or 500 lb bench; keeps your Gracie Jiu-Jitsu/Tai Chi mobility sharp.
- **Your context**: You've marked it ✓ multiple times alongside yoga/Pilates and steady-state, suggesting it's a staple for conditioning without fatigue.

Pair it post-workout: 30-45 min brisk walk after tri-sets. Track HR to stay under 70% max for optimal fat burn/recovery. If aiming for martial arts endurance, this builds your aerobic base safely alongside those 290 lb chins.

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Is this more BODYBUILDING or Strengthening?

This routine leans more toward **bodybuilding** due to its high volume, isolation work, and rep ranges focused on hypertrophy, though it has clear strength elements from the heavy compounds.[13][14]

Key Bodybuilding Traits

- Arm volume dominates: 4x8-10 barbell curls (109 lb), 3x12 hammer curls (218 lb total?), supersetted for metabolic stress and pump—classic hypertrophy tactics targeting biceps brachii and brachialis.
- Core tri-sets: 3x21 weighted straight-leg situps (72 lb), hanging leg raises (319 lb), ab wheel (318 lb)—high reps/repetitions build midsection size and endurance over pure power.
- Supersets (bench/chins, curls/hammer) shorten rest, spike lactic acid, and drive muscle growth via time under tension, not max loads.

Strengthening Elements

- Bench 5x5 at 500 lb and weighted chins at 290 lb scream raw strength (low-rep heavy compounds build neural drive and absolute power).
- Still, the 8-12 rep accessories and tri-sets dilute pure strength focus into hybrid territory.

Overall Classification

70% Bodybuilding, 30% Strength. It's a "strength hypertrophy hybrid"—heavy anchors for power, volume finishers for size. Perfect for martial arts (Gracie JJ/Tai Chi) needing both explosive lifts and muscular endurance. If you want pure strength, drop arm/core volume and add rest; for pure BB, lighten bench/chins to 8-12 reps.

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